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IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether highly sophisticated defence equipments are imported;

(b) if so, whether any steps are being taken for the indigenous production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any expert committee has been constituted for the research in the state-of-the-art equipment defence; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Defence equipment is being imported as per the operational requirements of the Armed Forces.

Several steps are being taken by the Government to promote the manufacture of defence equipment within the country. In all procurement cases, the feasibility of Indigenous development is explored before buying equipment from the global market. The transfer of technology is also sought to enable the manufacture of equipment indigenously. 'Buy and Make (Indian)' and 'Make' categories were specifically introduced in the Defence Procurement Procedure for this purpose. Further, the Defence Production Policy was announced in January, 2011, to inter alia encourage the indigenous manufacture of defence equipment.

(d) & (e): The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is engaged in the design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems for the Armed Forces. It has developed a number of systems with state-of-the-art technology. Research in state-of-the-art equipment is a continuous process.